

Introduction of two shift system in courts to dispose of pending cases

459. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has recommended for introduction of two shift system in courts so that the mounting arrears of cases can be disposed of within the existing infrastructure;

-(b) whether this system is in vogue in industrial establishments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Chief Justice of the Apex Court has also given some suggestions for expeditious disposal of petty offences pending in magisterial courts, which number over 41 lakhs; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) No such recommendation made by the Chief Justice of India has been received by Government.

(b) and (c) Industrial establishments do have a system of multiple shifts, for enhancing cost effective production.

(d) and (e) In the Chief Justices' Conference held on 9-10th March, 2006, the following resolution was passed with regard to petty offences:

"Petty offences including traffic and municipal challans be transferred to the Courts of Special Metropolitan Magistrates/Special Judicial Magistrates to be manned by retired Judicial Officers/senior Government Servants, which should make extensive use of various I.T. tools for disposal of such cases. State Governments be requested to appoint Special Metropolitan Magistrates/Special Judicial Magistrates, wherever required for disposal of such cases and to provide necessary infrastructure and staff for them."

Constitutional amendments challenged in courts

460. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state: